

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

P.S - Irrigation and CAD Department – Certain irregularities noticed in finalisation of tenders for executing the work of Peddagadda Reservoir Project near Kesali (v) in Pachipenta (M) of Vizianagaram District – Article of charges framed against Sri B.V.S.Prakasa Rao, Chief Engineer (now Engineer-In-Chief) along with others - Appointment of Smt. Chandana Khan, IAS, Member, Commissionerate of Inquiries, General Administration Dept as Inquiring Authority – Enquiry report submitted – Further Action Dropped – Orders – Issued.

IRRIGATION & CAD (SER.X.2) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.897

Dated:16 -07-2008

Read the following:-

1. G.O.Rt.No.1236, I & CAD Deptt., dt:2-9-2006
2. From Sri B.V.S.Prakasa Rao, CE (now ENC) representation dt:20.9.2006
3. G.O.Rt.No.820, I & CAD (Ser.X.2) Deptt., dt:30-5-2008
4. From Smt.Chandana Khan, IAS, Member, COI (GAD) D.O.Lr.No. 696/COI-CK/2007, dt:30-5-08.

ORDER:

In the reference first read above, the following articles of charge has been framed against Sri B.V.S.Prakasa Rao, Chief Engineer (now Engineer-In-Chief) along with others for the irregularities noticed in finalisation of tenders for executing the work of Peddagadda Reservoir Project near Kesali (v) in Pachipenta (M) of Vizianagaram District.

Article of Charge:

After processing of first call tender for the above work, the COT has accepted the bid of L2 i.e, G.Venkata Reddy & Company. Instead of awarding the work to the L2, the PA & SE, TTPR Circle, Vizianagaram relying upon ENC(AW) Memo. Dt. 28-2-04, after wasting the time available to him from 05-02-04 to 28-2-04, unconscious of protecting Govt., interest, has resorted to second call causing a loss of at least Rs.88 lakhs to the Govt.,

Even the L1 from the second call, which was accepted by the COT for Rs. 661.26 lakhs, was not awarded the work, once again relying on Govt., instructions dated 29-03-04, which stated to await Govt., instructions. With an aim to avoid L1 and further the interest of L3 who has quoted 5.04% less, the SE has requested for extension of tender validity to which as expected only L3 & L4 responded.

Supposedly making a misrepresentation to the Principal Secretary, I&CAD, the SE has reportedly obtained oral permission from the Principal Secretary, I&CAD, for making the third tender call without any justified reasons. Eventually the work had to be allotted to Deepika constructions, the L1 in 3rd tender call at (-) 5.11% less as a result of mishandling and willfully misusing the communication gap by the SE and a loss to the Government .

It was during your incumbency as Chief Engineer, (Medium) that the PA & SE TTPR Circle, Vizianagaram requested Govt., instructions to take up processing tender of L3 (5.04% less), supposedly received oral instruction from Principal Secretary and issued 3rd call tender notice and finally concluded agreement with Deepika Constructions at 5.11% less.

Unmindful of your responsibility as Chief Engineer concerned you have not exercised your authority and acted as a mute spectator to the actions of the Superintending Engineer. You have failed to guide the PA & SE, TTPR Circle and monitor his actions.

2. In the reference 2nd read above, Sri B.V.S.Prakasa Rao, CE (now ENC) submitted his written statement of defence.

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3. In the reference 3rd read above, Smt.Chandana Khan, Member, Commissionerate of Inquiries, General Administration Department has been appointed as Inquiry Officer to conduct departmental inquiry into the above said irregularity.

4. In the reference 4th read above, the Inquiry Officer has conducted inquiry and submitted his report, in which it was reported that none of the charges framed against any of the charged officers is proved.

5. Government after careful examination of the entire matter have decided to accept the recommendations of enquiry officer and hereby drop further action against Sri B.V.S.Prakasa Rao, Chief Engineer (now Engineer-In-Chief).

6. The Engineer-in-Chief (AW), Irrigation & CAD Department, Hyderabad is therefore requested to take necessary further action in the matter.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

S.P.TUCKER
PRINCIAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To

Sri B.V.S.Prakasa Rao, CE (Now ENC) through ENC (AW), I & CAD Deptt, Hyderabad.
Copy to:-

The Engineer-in-Chief (AW), Irrigation & CAD Department, Hyderabad.

The, Accountant General, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad.

The Pay and Accounts Officer, Hyderabad.

The Andhra Pradesh Vigilance Commissioner, Hyderabad.

//FORWARDED : : BY ORDER//

SECTION OFFICER